



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: B. Goldberg
TAKASHI SATO, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2861
Appln. No.: 10/715,691)	
	:	Allowed: February 6, 2006
Filed: November 19, 2003)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 5387
For: PRINTING APPARATUS AND)	
PRINthead CONTROL METHOD	:	February 22, 2006

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed February 6, 2006, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, none of independent Claims 3, 7 and 8 explicitly recite a time-constant circuit and current adding circuit to obtain a voltage to be added to the output signal of the detection means.

Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Williamson', written over a horizontal line.

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